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1. SUMMARY. GOR SEEKS INVITATION AS FULL PARTICIPANT IN PRODUCER/CONSUMER CONFERENCE AND HAS REQUESTED USG SUPPORT FOR THAT BID IN PREPCON MEETING STARTING OCT 13. END SUMMARY.

2. I WAS SUMMONED TO MFA FOR MEETING THIS AFTERNOON WITH DEPUTY MINISTER OANCEA WHO INFORMED ME GOR HAS DECIDED TO SEEK PARTICIPATION "WITH FULL RIGHTS" IN THE PARIS INDUSTRIALIZED/DEVELOPING COUNTRIES CONFERENCE. GOR REQUESTS USG SUPPORT FOR THIS BID IN PREPARATORY MEETING BEGINNING OCT 13.

3. OANCEA EXPLAINED THAT GOR WAS FULLY AWARE OF DELICATE BALANCE ESTABLISHED INCLUDING RULES OF PROCEDURE AND OF INTERNAL PRESFRRES INVOLVING EACH OF THE FOUR PRINCIPAL
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INTEREST GROUPS CONCERNED (PRODUCERS, CONSUMERS, LDCS, AND

DEVELOPED COUNTRIES), GOR HAS THEREFORE DECIDED TO SEEK PARTICIPATION AS AN INDIVIDUAL UNAFFILIATED COUNTRY. SUCH PARTICIPATION, HE ARGUED, WOULD BE CONSTRUCTIVE CONTRIBUTION SINCE ROMANIA WOULD REPRESENT A TYPE OF COUNTRY NOT NOW SCHEDULED TO BE REPRESENTED.

4. IN RESPONSE TO MY QUESTION AS TO WHY ROMANIA HAD NOT TRIED TO GET ONE OF THE SEATS SET ASIDE FOR DEVELOPING NATIONS, OANCEA SAID THE GOR COULD NOT REALLY CLAIM TO BE A PART OF EITHER GROUP AND THEREFORE FELT INDEPENDENT PARTICIPATION WOULD BE THE MOST APPROPRIATE.

5. IN RESPONSE TO MY FURTHER QUESTION OF GOR APPROACHES TO OTHER PREPCON PARTICIPANTS, OANCEA SAID HE HAD JUST LAUNCHED A FLURRY OF APPROACHES TO COUNTRIES WITH EMBASSIES IN BUCHAREST STARTING WITH FRENCH. TPQSGOR, HOWEVER, ATTACHED PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE TO US SUPPORT IN THE LIGHT OF THE AUGUST CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE TWO PRESIDENTS ON RELATIONS BETWEEN THE DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

6. OANCEA, ALTHOUGH SOMEWHAT EMBARRASSED BY LATENESS OF REQUEST, NONETHELESS PRESSED FOR RESPONSE PRIOR TO OPENING OF MONDAY'S CONFERENCE. NIACT IMMEDIATE RESPONSE FROM WASHINGTON THEREFORE REQUESTED.

7. I LIMITED MYSELF TO TELLING OANCEA THAT WHILE I KNEW ROMANIA'S SPECIAL SITUATION WAS WELL UNDERSTOOD IN WASHINGTON, THE SHORTNESS OF GOR'S REQUEST REALLY GAVE US VERY LITTLE TIME TO MAKE DECISION BEFORE THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE STARTS WORK NEXT MONDAY. I REMINDED HIM TOO OF THE PROCEDURES THAT HAD BEEN SET UP FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE PRODUCERS/CONSUMERS DIALOG WHICH HAD LED AFTER A GREAT DEAL OF NEGOTIATING TO NEXT WEEK'S MEETING. I SAID THEREFORE MY OWN OPINION WAS THAT THE PROBLEM FOR THE US GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT BE SO MUCH A QUESTION OF ROMANIA AS SUCH BUT RATHER THE IMPLICATIONS OF ROMANIAN PARTICIPATION AT THIS STAGE IN LIGHT OF ALL THE OTHER ASPECTS THAT HAD GONE INTO THE COMPROMISES LEADING TO THE PREPCON MEETING. I PROMISED HOWEVER TO TRANSMIT THE ROMANIAN REQUEST AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AND TO TRY TO OBTAIN A US REACTION BEFORE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MONDAY'S MEETING. HE SAID HE WOULD BE AVAILABLE ALL WEEKEND.

8. COMMENT: DESPITE ITS LAST-MINUTE NATURE, ROMANIAN REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN PARIS CONFERENCE FULLY CONSISTENT WITH GOR DESIRE TO (A) TAKE PART IN MAJOR INTERNATIONAL DISCUSSIONS WHICH LIKELY TO HAVE SERIOUS EFFECT ON AMBITIOUS ROMANIAN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

(B) DRAW STILL CLOSER TO DEVELOPING/NONALIGNED COUNTRY STATUS.

9. ROMANIA OF COURSE FITS IN NONE OF THE NEAT CATEGORIES SET OUT IN REFTEL. IT IS NEITHER A MEMBER OF OECD NOR OF THE GROUP OF 77 DESPITE INCREASING TIES WITH THE LATTER. WE HAVE HERE VERY LITTLE BACKGROUND ON ALL THAT HAS GONE INTO THE PRODUCERS/CONSUMERS DIALOG BUT IT IS SIFFICIENT TO SHOW HOW COMPLEX THE PROCESS HAS BEEN IN RESUMING EVEN THE PREPARATORY MEETING LEADING TO THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL CONFERENCE. NONETHELESS, AS SEEN FROM HERE AND ALLOWING FOR ALL THE OBVIOUS DIFFICULTIES OF AN ALMOST TRADITIONAL ROMANIAN LAST-MINUTE APPROACH, THE PRESENCE OF ROMANIA NOT AS AN OBSERVER BUT AS A PARTICIPANT SEEMS TO US WOULD ADD A GREATER DEGREE OF REPRESENTATIVENESS TO THE CONFERENCE WHICH AS PRESENTLY CONCEIVED HAS NO PROVISION FOR INVOLVEMENT OF THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, BE THEY DEVELOPED OR DEVELOPING. THERE IS NO NEED TO RUN OVER GROUND ALREADY WELL FAMILIAR IN WASHINGTON ON ROMANIAN CONCEPTS OF ITS PLACE IN EUROPE AND THE WORLD NOR OR US POLICY TO ENCOURAGE ROMANIAN INDEPENDENCE. IF THE ANSWER HAS TO BE THAT THE ROMANIANS ARE SIMPLY TOO LATE, WE NEED TO BE PROVIDED WITH ARGUMENTATION AS TO WHY ROMANIA SPECIFICALLY AND OTHER COUNTRIES WHICH DO NOT FIT THE TWO CONFERENCE CATEGORIES CANNOT TAKE PART IN DISCUSSING PROBLEMS OF MAJOR CONCERN TO THEM.

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